
HOUSE BILL No. 1862

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-12-1; IC 6-2.5-10-1; IC 12-14.

Synopsis: Energy assistance contingency fund. Creates the energy assistance contingency fund. Appropriates heating fuel sales tax revenue to the fund. Provides that the division of family and children shall administer the fund. Provides that the fund shall be used for low income home energy assistance and low income home energy efficiency measures. Allocates the fund between energy assistance and energy efficiency.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-12-1-14.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 14.2. Notwithstanding
3 any other law, all oil overcharge funds received from the federal
4 government are annually appropriated to the division of family and
5 children for the division's use in carrying out the home energy
6 assistance program. The amount of this annual appropriation for a state
7 fiscal year is equal to:

8 (1) the total amount necessary to carry out the program during
9 that fiscal year, **including any amount needed to provide a**
10 **temporary source of funding for the energy assistance**
11 **contingency fund under IC 12-14-11.1;** minus

12 (2) the amount of federal low income energy assistance funds
13 available for the program during that state fiscal year.

14 SECTION 2. IC 4-12-1-14.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
15 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
16 1, 2001]: **Sec. 14.4. (a) As used in this section, "heating fuel sales"**
17 **means all residential and commercial sales of natural gas and**



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heating oil for heating purposes.

(b) As used in this section, "baseline measure" means:

(1) fifty-nine and three-hundredths percent (59.03%) of the state gross retail tax collected on heating fuel sales between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 2000, as determined by the department of state revenue; divided by

(2) three (3).

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, there is annually appropriated to the energy assistance contingency fund established by IC 12-14-11.1-1 an amount equal to:

(1) fifty-nine and three-hundredths percent (59.03%) of the state gross retail tax collected on heating fuel sales during the preceding fiscal year as determined by the department of state revenue; minus

(2) the baseline measure.

SECTION 3. IC 6-2.5-10-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.253-1999, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) The department shall account for all state gross retail and use taxes that it collects.

(b) The department shall deposit those collections in the following manner:

(1) Forty percent (40%) of the collections shall be paid into the property tax replacement fund established under IC 6-1.1-21.

(2) **Except as provided in subsection (c)**, fifty-nine and three-hundredths percent (59.03%) of the collections shall be paid into the state general fund.

(3) Seventy-six hundredths of one percent (0.76%) of the collections shall be paid into the public mass transportation fund established by IC 8-23-3-8.

(4) Four hundredths of one percent (0.04%) of the collections shall be deposited into the industrial rail service fund established under IC 8-3-1.7-2.

(5) Seventeen hundredths of one percent (0.17%) of the collections shall be deposited into the commuter rail service fund established under IC 8-3-1.5-20.5.

(c) The department shall transfer fifty-nine and three-hundredths percent (59.03%) of the state gross retail taxes that are collected on heating fuel sales (as defined in IC 4-12-1-14.4(a)) to the auditor of state for distribution to the energy assistance contingency fund established by IC 12-14-11.1-1. The auditor of state shall hold all amounts transferred by the department under this subsection and shall distribute the amount



determined under IC 4-12-1-14.4(c) to the energy assistance contingency fund on or before June 30. On July 1, the auditor of state shall transfer the remaining amount to the department for deposit in the state general fund.

SECTION 4. IC 12-14-11-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. The home energy assistance programs are to provide assistance, including emergency assistance, to low income households in Indiana to:

(1) defray home energy costs; and

(2) ~~provide assistance to low income households; for implement~~ home energy conservation measures.

SECTION 5. IC 12-14-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. The division shall do the following:

(1) Administer an appropriation made for the purposes specified in section 4 of this chapter.

(2) Receive and administer money that may be available to the state for energy and conservation assistance from the federal government.

(3) Establish criteria to determine eligibility for assistance under this chapter.

(4) Administer the energy assistance contingency fund established by IC 12-14-11.1-1.

SECTION 6. IC 12-14-11.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 11.1. Energy Assistance Contingency Fund

Sec. 1. There is established the energy assistance contingency fund.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "dwelling" means an individual residence, including a manufactured home or a room or combination of rooms, with facilities for living for a single household.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible household" means a household whose income is at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the most recently determined poverty income guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget, as revised periodically by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the energy assistance contingency fund.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "grantee" means a party with



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whom the division contracts to provide services under this chapter.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "home energy" has the meaning set forth in IC 12-14-11-2.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "home energy efficiency measure" means a particular device, technology, or service that is installed or used at the dwelling of an eligible household to reduce the amount of home energy consumed by the household for heating or cooling. The term includes materials used in building design or retrofitting.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "household" means any individual or group of individuals who live together as a single economic unit and who:

- (1) purchase home energy in common; or
- (2) make undesignated payments for home energy in the form of rent.

Sec. 9. The division shall administer the fund in accordance with IC 12-14-11. The division shall allocate the fund between low income home energy assistance and low income home energy efficiency measures.

Sec. 10. (a) Notwithstanding section 9 of this chapter, the division shall allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the fund to low income home energy efficiency measures.

(b) The division shall use not more than ten percent (10%) of the allocation under subsection (a) for program administration. The division shall make available at least fifty percent (50%) of the program administration funds to grantees.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the division may provide an additional five percent (5%) of the allocation under subsection (a) to grantees for program administration if the division determines that the additional amount is necessary to effectively administer the program.

Sec. 11. (a) Notwithstanding section 9 of this chapter, the division shall allocate not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the fund to low income home energy assistance.

(b) The division shall distribute not more than ten percent (10%) of the allocation under subsection (a) to grantees for program administration.

(c) The division shall distribute not more than five percent (5%) of the allocation under subsection (a) to grantees for program support.

Sec. 12. (a) The division may designate to the fund all or a part of the oil overcharge funds appropriated under IC 4-12-1-14.2 if

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1 the appropriation to the fund under IC 4-12-1-14.4 is delayed due
2 to a delay by the department of state revenue in collecting the gross
3 retail tax on heating fuel sales.

4 (b) If the division makes a designation under subsection (a), the
5 division shall pay the designated amount to the oil overcharge fund
6 after the division receives the appropriation under IC 4-12-1-14.4.

7 Sec. 13. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
8 year does not revert to the state general fund.

9 Sec. 14. The division may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
10 implement this chapter.

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